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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN COMMENT ON GREECE

REF: SOFIA 1046 (NOTAL)

1. PARTY ORGAN RABOTNICHESKO DELO APRIL 28 CARRIED FIRST EDITORIAL ON SUBJECT NEW GREEK GOVERNMENT AND FOLLOWED LEAD OF BCP FIRST SECRETARY TODOR ZHIVKOV IN KARLOVY VARY SPEECH IN REFERRING TO COUP D'ETAT RPT COUP D'ETAT AS "FASCIST." SPECIFICALLY IN COMPLAINING OF ARRESTS AND "VIOLATION OF THE MOST ELEMENTARY RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF THE GREEK CITIZENS," DELO STATE THAT "THE METHODS AND MANNERS OF FASCISM ARE BEING REVIVED." DELO FURTHER CHARGED THAT "THIS CRIME WAS NOT COMMITTED WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE" OF US DEPARTMENT OF STATE, PENTAGON AND CIA.
2. "TRUE GOALS OF MILITARY FASCIST COUP," DELO ASSERTED SEEN IN FEARS OF COMING MAY ELECTIONS WHICH FORCED "REACTIONARY FORCES" TO USE ARMY TO SEIZE POWERM COUP DIRECTED AGAINST "DEMOCRATIC PARTIES AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES."
3. QUOTING KARLOVY VARY DECLARATION, EDITORIAL ASSERTED ONE GOAL OF COUP WAS TO STRENGTHEN "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" AND NATO WHICH POSED "NEW DANGER FOR THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS AND ITS INDEPENDENCE."
4. SAME DAY DELO CARRIED ACCOUNT OF DECLARATION ISSUED BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF KOMSOMOL EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT EVENTS IN GREECE, INCLUDING "REPRESSIONS" OF YOUTH LEADERS, AND CALLING FOR REESTABLISHMENT "CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOMS, LIBERATION OF THOUSANDS OF ACTIVISTS OF PROGRESSIVE AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE BEEN THROWN IN JAILS." KOMSOMOL STATEMENT HOWEVER DOES NOT REFER TO NEW GOVERNMENT OR TO COUP AS "FASCIST."
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